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Historic groundbreaking at Cura Cabai Pier



Minister Oduber, at the groundbreaking of the fisherman's pier in Cura Cabai, expressed great satisfaction for what was about to transpire...the renovation and expansion of this pier. He remarked that he had visited the site some three times and had spoken to the fishermen. The fishermen cited the limitations of the pier and the need they have felt for many years.

Oduber then talked to the Hadicurari Foundation and DLV/Santa Rosa regarding the need of both the Cura

Cabai pier and other piers that are long overdue on repair or renovation.

The Minister shared his observation of the reaction from the fishermen when he shared his intention to do something about the problem. He shared how their reaction was one of....sure, you're just another one making promises you will not keep! The Minister promised at that time to return in the month of March to begin the work, but as the month of March ended and April also, they began calling the Minister's Office

to find out what the status of the project was.

Oduber said they suffered a slight delay, but are ready now to begin the job. With his own hands on the drill, the job was started. Contractors have indicated that the project should be completed within 60 days.

The pier will be expanded by 20 meters, which is a triplication of its current size.

After the first phase, the pier will be expanded in the shape of a "T" with an additional 20 meters. The area will be equipped with water and electricity and the necessary tools to be able to make this a fishing center similar to the one in Noord.

The Minister proudly announced to Ruben, Compayo and the other fishermen of Cura Cabai and Zeewijk, that...."today we are here to comply with our promise and to start the job that was promised you so many years ago, we have come to comply today."

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'Big Oil' grilled by US Congress



WASHINGTON -- Chairman Max Baucus points to a graphic as Chevron CEO and Chairman John Watson, Shell Oil US President Marvin Odum, BP America Inc. President and Chairman H. Lamar McKay, ConocoPhillips CEO and Chairman James Mulva and Exxon Mobile CEO and Chairman Rex Tillerson testify before a full Senate Finance Committee hearing on "Oil and Gas Tax Incentives and Rising Energy Prices" on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, yesterday. (AFP Photo)

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7th Reading Workshop at National Library

ORANJESTAD -- As an integral part of its cooperation with Fundacion Bon Nochi Drumi Dushi, the National Library is preparing for the 7th workshop in preparation for the first home visits by the Foundation for 2011.

From the inception of the project back in 2007 emphasis was placed on providing the reading volunteers with the necessary and adequate preparation for the home visits.

The Mediateca Escolar section of the National Library is in charge of the workshop under the guidance of Mrs. Belkis Flores in cooperation with the board of Fundacion Bon Nochi Drumi Dushi.

It is customary that at the end of every workshop there is an evaluation, and on the basis of the results of said evaluation adjustments and improvements are made for the following event.

In the workshops, attention is given to the opinions and needs of both the volunteer readers as well as the community in general.

During the past 5 years of this project, the interest of parents and family has grown enormously. Various parents have themselves become readers and have shown interest in the workshops.

With this in view they have opened the workshops to anyone interested and not just for the readers. The content of the workshops are more varied, offering participants room for active participation so they can apply what they are learning and discover their hidden talents.

The workshop will be held on Sunday, May 15th in the ATHA building in Dakota from 10:00 am to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Nazi guard freed after German conviction



AFP – John Demjanjuk leaves the court after his verdict in Munich, southern Germany

MUNICH, Germany (AFP) – A German court sentenced Thursday former Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk to five years in jail but freed him pending a possible appeal and because of his advanced age.

Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk, 91, was convicted of helping kill almost 30,000 people while a guard at the Sobibor extermination camp in Ger-

man-occupied Poland in 1943.

But presiding judge Ralph Alt ordered his immediate release, pending a final decision by a federal court and possible appeal, saying the accused no longer posed a threat to society.

He has also spent the past two years in jail here and, as a stateless person, having been stripped of his US citizenship in 2002, was unlikely to be able to leave the country.

This was the second time Demjanjuk, a retired auto factory worker, was sentenced in connection with Nazi crimes.

In the 1980s he was sentenced to death in Israel after a court found him guilty of being "Ivan the terrible", the name given to a sadistic Ukrainian guard at the Treblinka death camp.

But the Supreme Court later overturned the decision after establishing they had the wrong man.

On Thursday, following an 18-month trial, a German court decided he had indeed served as a guard, but under his original name "Ivan Demjanjuk", and at Sobibor.

His German judges said they were convinced he had assisted in the killing of at least 28,060 people, most of them Jews, deported to Sobibor and immediately gassed there between April and August 1943.

The court said Demjanjuk, a former Red Army soldier captured during the war by the Germans, accepted an offer to serve Nazi forces as a prison guard and served at Sobibor from March to September 1943.

He was automatically guilty of assisting in the killings because of the nature of his job there, it

Demjanjuk, who pleaded not guilty, kept silent during the trial.

Security tightened for Obama's Kenyan family



file photo; Mama Sarah Onyango Obama

NAIROBI (AFP) – Kenya has tightened security around the home of US President Barack Obama's step-grand-

mother after the killing of Osama bin Laden, an official said Thursday.

"In the wake of security challenges including terror threats, I can confirm that we decided to enhance security at the home of Mama Sarah ...," said regional administrator Francis Mutie, using the popular name for Obama's step-grandmother who lives in western Kenya.

There have been no direct threats against the family but Kenya is on alert following warnings from Al-Qaeda followers after bin Laden was killed by US special forces in

Pakistan on May 2.

"All visitors going to the home will have to be thoroughly vetted. They will undergo security screening before they are cleared to visit the home," Mutie said.

The elderly Sarah Obama's homestead has been guarded since her step-grandson was elected president in 2008.

Sarah Obama was the third wife of President Obama's paternal grandfather, Hussein Onyango Obama. Although not a blood relation, Obama often refers to her as his grandmother.

Pakistan to review US anti-terror cooperation

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AFP) – Pakistan said Thursday it would review counter-terrorism cooperation with the United States as it comes under growing domestic pressure to punish Washington for the Osama bin Laden raid.

It was unclear if the move was intended as a threat, but it showed the extent of the task facing US Senator John Kerry as he prepares to embark on a mission to shore up badly strained ties with Washington's nuclear-armed ally.

Washington did not inform Islamabad that an elite team of Navy SEALs had helicoptered into the garrison town of Abbottabad on May 2 until the commandos had cleared Pakistani airspace carrying with them bin Laden's corpse.

The raid has plunged Pakistani politics into turmoil with both President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani facing calls to resign amid growing anti-American sentiment.

The cabinet's defence com-

mittee held a meeting on Thursday, chaired by Gilani and attended by armed forces chiefs and other ministers, saying afterwards it had "comprehensively" reviewed the post-bin Laden situation.

The committee decided "to institute an inter-agency process to clearly define the parameters of our cooperation with the US in counter-terrorism," an official statement said.

This would be done "in accordance with Pakistan's national interests and the aspirations of the people," said the statement, which renewed condemnation of the

"US unilateral action in violation of Pakistan's sovereignty."

Washington is pressing Islamabad to investigate how bin Laden and several wives and children had managed to live for five years under the noses of its military in a town just 40 miles (65 kilometers) north of the capital.

CIA director Leon Panetta laid bare the mistrust between the allies when he said the United States did not warn Pakistan in advance about the raid because it feared Pakistani officials would have alerted the Al-Qaeda chief.

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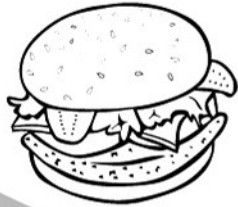
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He continued to emphasize that he will give attention to all the piers across the island, especially to those in the San Nicolaas area that have not been maintained and have very limited facilities.

He expressed appreciation for the Hadicurari Foundation who made the funds available for this project at the Cura Cabai pier. Subsequently they will attend to the Spaans Lagoen pier which is scheduled to begin repair work within 3 weeks.

The Minister was also grateful to WEB who laid the necessary pipes so they could build a top quality pier. Oduber expressed appreciation for the support he received from his ministerial colleagues and the Council of Ministers for this project. Minister Sievinger gracefully turned over the management of these piers to the Hadicurari Foundation which will guarantee their continual maintenance.



Minister Oduber and Compayo

Sudden announcement got them to roll up their sleeves



Minister Oduber with Nilki Kock

CURA CABAI -- President of the Hadicurari Foundation (fisheries group), Mr. Nilky Kock expressed much praise for the historic occasion of the start of the renovation project of the Cura Cabai fishing pier. He remembers accompanying Minister Oduber last December to Cura Cabai when he announced this project to the fishermen at Cura Cabai and surrounding area. This announcement was a big surprise to the Foundation at the time.

This announcement required them to roll up their sleeves and work on it rapidly in view of the fact that it was to be a big project requiring much preparation. The project was scheduled to commence in March, but after a brief delay they are now ready to celebrate



the beginning of the project now.

Foundation President, Nilky Kock expressed words of gratitude to all fishermen who dock their fishing boats at this Cura Cabai pier, and who remained confident that the project would be executed. He also thanked the Minister who was the motor behind the project.

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EPK at the Renaissance welcomes you



Milly has picked out a stylish number for her little girl

Colombia and have just opened branches in Brazil, Costa Rica and Santo Do-

mingo, as well as boasting outlets in Spain and Israel among the 12 nations that carry this franchise.

by Rosalie Klein

Yesterday morning marked the start of a fashion revolution on Aruba for youngsters 12 and under; EPK opened its doors in the Renaissance Mall. The name is a Spanish acronym for the beloved children's book, "The Little Prince" and offers the fashion stylings and ambience of a Tartine or other high-end store, but at a fraction of the cost.

The Venezuelan concerns' P/R representative Aura Acosta was on island for the opening event, where island media "ohhed" and "ahhed" over the utterly adorable outfits for both genders, and gasped at the remarkably low price tags.

EPK was founded in 2001 and opened their first U.S. store in Boca Raton in 2004. They are wildly popular in

Their team of French designers provide European flair to the outfits, and "It was the glamour and elegance of some cities and regions of Italy that inspired this collection for EPK Spring and Summer 2011," explains Aura. The Tuscan prairies, Venetian gondoliers and the rich colors of Sicily, Capri, Positano and Bari define the beautiful designs for girls. Areas like Monza, and their fame for Formula 1 racing, has contributed to the boy's lines which are sporty and stylish.

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Bon nochi drumi dushi

Growth of the Project:

The Bon Nochi Drumi Dushi project has grown immensely, with respect to the number of homes visited from 2007 to date, as well as in the variety of activities promoting reading. One of the most pleasant and important aspects of the project is the vast number of requests for home visits registered especially last year.

The requests were more than the volunteers were able to fill during the year. The Foundation is cognizant of the fact that it is unwise to promise a kid something that they can not fulfill, hence the decision to not allow for over subscriptions during the first period of 2011, so they can comply with all the home visits.

Last year approximately 10,000 flyers were distributed and they are currently working on the subscription flyers for the second period of 2011. Everyone is kindly asked to be patient for very shortly the opportunity for new registrations will be available.

On May 16 the voluntary

readers will begin their home visits. They customarily make 3 visits to each address. The first visit is an orientation visit to meet the child and parents, which is followed by two visits of reading to the child. The home visits are scheduled to take place between May 16 and June 17, 2011.

There is a steady flow of new reading volunteers who approach the foundation offering their services as readers. Along with these is the nucleus of readers who started with the project from the onset.

The foundation emphasizes that the purpose of the home visits is to provide parents the necessary tools to help equip them to read to their children before bedtime or at some other time during the child's day. The most appropriate person to share the joy of reading to the child is his own parent.

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“O Aruba-Our Beloved Rock” Renaissance Mall to host a special exhibit by MANA

Executive staff of the Museo Arqueológico Nacional Aruba (MANA) the national archeological institution located in downtown Oranjestad, announced that during renovations to the temporary exhibit area, the management of Renaissance Resort and shopping mall have enthusiastically agreed to host a new exhibit in their main concourse.

The subject of the exposition, Aruban creativity born from necessity, past, present and future, is titled “O Aruba-Nos Baranca ta Stima,” – “O Aruba-Our Beloved Rock,” is based on the chorus of the island's national anthem. Museum Head Curator Arminda Ruiz explained to local media that faced with the dilemma of needing to close off part of the museum for some months, they were quite gratified to find an enthusiastic response from Meta Corp CEO Eduardo de Veer to the suggestion the



Exposition team

shopping mall house this informative exhibition. “We must particularly express our gratitude to Eduardo for his immediate and constant support and encouragement for this project; he was a very positive influence on the outcome.”

The exhibit is a collaborative effort by museum staff members Margarita Wever and Archeologist Harold Kelly, NOW Advertising and Graphic Design, which produced the logo and banners of which the exhibit is comprised, and international award-winning

Aruban artist Ryan Maduro, who has designed and constructed the display for the single actual artifact, the symbolic rock. Finelaine Tromp, leader of the MANA Youth, provided input from island youngsters to assist in creating a presentation with appeal to all age groups.

The distinctive piece of green volcanic rock, basalt, which is the centerpiece of the show, is judged to be the oldest mineral formation on the island, between 90 to 95 millions years old. It was found during a dig in 1997; archeologists feel its unique properties forced the Amerindians that had migrated to Aruba to adapt to using this particular rock when making their tools. Thus the theme of creativity and adaptability in advancing culture on Aruba; the exhibit will carry this theme through history from Pre-Ceramic times to present, and reflect on the future, as well.

Opening night for “O Aruba-Nos Baranca ta Stima” is Wednesday May 18, and the exhibit will be on display during regular mall hours seven days a week, until November.

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'Dwarf planet' is covered in crystal ice



An illustration created by Jose Antonio Penas shows Haumea, a dwarf planet, and its two satellites

PARIS, France (AFP) — A bizarre mini-planet that orbits the Sun in deep space is covered with crystallised water, European astronomers reported on Thursday.

Around 2,000 kilometres (1,200 miles) long, the "dwarf planet" of Haumea lurks in the Kuiper Belt, which comprises rocks that move in a lonely orbit beyond Neptune.

Haumea, named after a Hawaiian goddess of fertility and childbirth, was discovered in 2004 but detailed views of it are very rare and even now its precise orbit and size are unknown.

New sightings by a team from the European Southern Observatory (ESO) using a giant telescope in the Chilean desert describe Haumea as having the shape of a "flattened rugby ball."

Despite its immense distance from Earth, Haumea shines brightly in space thanks to a reflective surface of water ice that covers a rocky body.

Three-quarters of Haumea

and all of Hi'iaka, one of two satellites along with Namaka, have this icy coating, ESO said.

The ice is unusual because it is crystalline, meaning that it has an ordered structure, it said in a press release.

Crystalline structures are destroyed by sunlight, so other energy sources are needed to keep the ice organised on Haumea and Hi'iaka, rather than meld into shapeless, amorphous frost.

The ESO scientists believe that two sources are available for doing this — a trio of radiogenic elements (potassium-40, thorium-232 and uranium-238) that lie beneath the icy crust and "tidal forces" provided by the gravitational give-and-take between Haumea and her daughters.

Haumea spins completely in less than four hours, giving it one of the fastest rotation speeds in the Solar System.

The mini-planet's strange shape may derive from the ultra-fast spin, which could have been conferred by a tangential collision with another space rock.

The whack could also have gouged out two splinters which became Hi'iaka and Namaka.

It is the fifth largest "dwarf planet," a category that was created in 2006 by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) and is headed by Pluto, which was formerly designated a full-fledged planet.

The two satellites of Haumea are named after the goddess's daughters. Hi'iaka measures around 400 kms (250 miles) across, and Namaka is around 200 kms (120 miles).

Endeavour crew in Florida for shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AFP) — Six astronauts arrived at Kennedy Space Center on Thursday ahead of the second to last US space shuttle flight, with Endeavour set to lift off on Monday after a technical delay. The crew includes five Americans and Italian astronaut Roberto Vittori. Endeavour will carry a \$2-billion, seven-ton particle physics detector, which will be left at the space station to scour the universe for dark matter and antimatter.

Sci-Tech

Value of pirated software nearly \$59 billion: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The commercial value of pirated software increased 14 percent last year to nearly \$59 billion, with emerging economies accounting for over half the total, according to a study published Thursday.

Businesses and consumers around the world bought \$95 billion worth of legal personal computer (PC) software in 2010, according to the Business Software Alliance (BSA), but they installed another \$58.8 billion in pirated software.

"This means that for every dollar spent on legitimate software in 2010, an additional 63 cents worth of unli-

censed software also made its way into the market," the BSA said.

At \$31.9 billion, emerging economies accounted for over half the commercial value of pirated software last year, the BSA said in its eighth Global Software Piracy Study.

While PC shipments to emerging economies accounted for half the world's total last year, the value of paid software licenses in those economies accounted for less than 20 percent of the world total, the study said.

While the value of pirated software rose, the global piracy rate for PC software dropped by a single percentage point in 2010 to 42 percent, the study found.

Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America had the world's highest piracy rate, with 64 percent of PC software pirated, while North America had the lowest, with 21 percent, the study found.

Software piracy was also found to be rampant in the Asia-Pacific region, with a piracy rate of 60 percent, followed by The Middle East with 58 percent and Western Europe with 33 percent.

And while the United

States was tied with Japan for the lowest piracy rate, at 20 percent, it ranked at the top in terms of the commercial value of pirated PC software, estimated at \$9.5 billion dollars.

It was followed by China, with \$7.8 billion, and Russia, with \$2.8 billion.

The study was carried out with technology research firm IDC and covered 116 countries and regions. The piracy rate dropped last year in 51 of the 116 areas studied and went up in 15, the BSA said.

It said the most common form of software piracy was to buy a single copy of software and install it on multiple computers, a practice which 51 percent of PC users surveyed in emerging markets mistakenly believe is legal.

"There's an awareness gap where many people don't even understand that they're stealing software," BSA president Matt Reid said.

"Governments need to be investing in educating the public about the value of intellectual property. They also need to make sure that the right laws are in place, and then they need to get out and enforce those laws."

Many in US seek health information online: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) — Four out of five Internet users have searched for health information online, but the Web is still no substitute for the doctor when it comes to a personal medical issue, said a US study Thursday.

The survey was based on telephone interviews with 3,001 adults in the United States in August and September 2010, conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International and published by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project.

Eighty percent of Internet users, or about 59 percent of the US population, searched online for one of 15 health issues, whether a food recall, environmental hazard, or information on a specific disease, hospital or doctor.

One in three US adults said the Internet helped inform their own medical decisions or those of someone they know, and only three percent said they or someone they know has been harmed by following online health advice.

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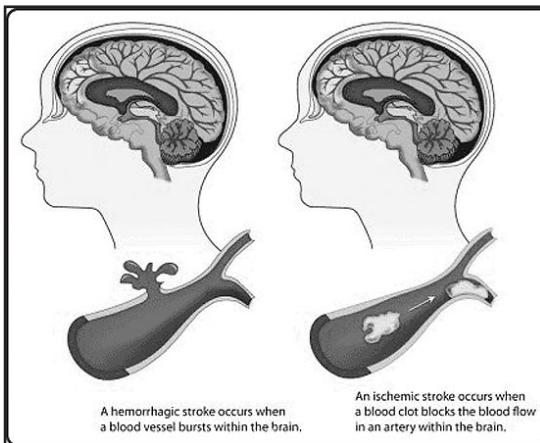
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Research Suggests 1 in 7 Strokes Happens During Sleep



-- About 14 percent of strokes happen while people are sleeping, lowering the chance that they'll be able to get to the hospital in time for a potentially brain-saving treatment, a new study suggests.

"Because the only treatment for ischemic stroke must be given within a few hours after the first symptoms begin, people who wake up with stroke symptoms often can't receive the treatment since we can't determine when the symptoms started," Dr. Jason Mackey, of the University of Cincinnati and a study co-author, said in a news release from the American Academy of Neurology. "Imaging studies are being conducted now to help us develop better methods to identify which people are most likely to benefit from the treatment, even if symptoms started during the night."

In the study, researchers examined the medical records of 1,854 adults who suffered from ischemic strokes in a

one-year period and were treated at emergency rooms in the Cincinnati area. Ischemic stroke is caused by blocked blood flow in the brain, usually because of a clot.

In 14 percent of the cases, people woke up with symptoms of a stroke. That would account for 58,000 people who visit emergency rooms with stroke systems annually, the study authors pointed out.

Of 273 people who had so-called "wake-up strokes," at least 98 would have been eligible for treatment with a blood clot-busting drug called tPA if doctors had known when the stroke had begun, the study reported.

"If a stroke started more than a few hours ago, tPA is not indicated because it can cause bleeding that will extend and enlarge the stroke," explained Dr. Byron K. Lee, associate professor of medicine and director of the Electrophysiology Laboratories and Clinics at the University of California, San Francisco. "In wake-up strokes, it's nearly impossible to know when the symptoms started [so] tPA is not an option and, therefore, the neurologic deficits have a higher chance of becoming permanent."

If you wake up feeling strange symptoms, Lee said, don't sit around. "People should not wait for any new neurologic deficits in the morning to pass or go away as they become less groggy," he said. "They should seek medical attention immediately. Even though tPA may not be an option in wake-up strokes, there are many other treatments that can be given in an emergency room or hospital." According to the National Stroke Association, symptoms of a stroke include:

- *Sudden paralysis or weakness in the face or limbs, especially on one side of the body

- *Sudden problems with balance or walking

- *Sudden vision problems

- *Slurred speech

- *Sudden confusion or problems speaking or understanding simple statements

- *Sudden severe headache with no apparent cause

Stroke experts offer a simple way to help people remember what to look for if they think they are witnessing a stroke: Think FAST (Face, Arms, Speech, Time):

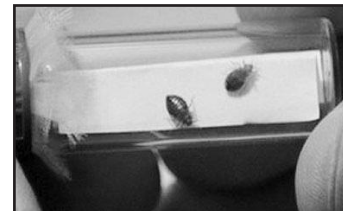
- *Face: See if the person is able to smile, or if one side of their face seems to droop.

- *Arms: Can the person raise both arms, or does one side drift downward?

- *Speech: See if the person is able to speak clearly or repeat a simple phrase.

- *Time: Call emergency immediately if the person exhibits any of these signs.

study: Canadian bedbugs carry superbug bacteria



Bedbugs, pictured in 2010

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Could bloodsucking bedbugs get any creepier? Turns out, the answer is yes.

Bedbugs carrying potent drug-resistant staph bacteria have been found in a poor section of Vancouver, Canada, said a report released by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week.

Five bedbugs were plucked off the bodies of three hospitalized patients from a rough section of downtown Vancouver where rates of poverty, HIV and injection drug use are high.

The bugs were tested and found to be infected with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium* (VRE), said the CDC's Emerging Infectious Diseases report.

It was unclear whether the people infected the bugs or the bugs infected the people.

"To our knowledge, no conclusive evidence has demonstrated disease transmission by bedbugs," said the study, which called for further research due to the admittedly small sample of patients.

"Bedbug carriage of MRSA, and the portal of entry provided through feeding, suggests a plausible potential mechanism for passive transmission of bacteria during a blood meal."

In other words, contamination could theoretically happen if a person scratches where a bedbug has attached

to the skin, causing an abrasion that allows the bacteria room for entry.

MRSA is a staph infection increasingly seen in hospitals that can turn deadly if it gets into the bloodstream or a surgical wound.

VRE is a type of bacteria that can live on the skin and in the intestines without harming a person, but can cause serious health issues in people who are ill or have weakened immune systems.

Both bacteria have developed resistance to many antibiotics.


As many as 31 percent of people living in that section of Vancouver, known as Downtown Eastside, have reported bedbug infestations, and both VRE and MRSA infections are commonly seen at the nearby Saint Paul's Hospital, the report said.

A boom in bedbug populations has been witnessed across North America and western Europe over the past 10 years. Researchers believe the surge may be fueled by increasing world travel and growing resistance to pesticides.



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AHATA Environmental Committee announces winners of their Easter “Keep it Clean” Campaign

One of the favorite pastimes of Arubans during the weeks preceding and following Easter is to camp out along one of the island's many beaches; it is a very social tradition that dates back decades. Unfortunately the practice has always had a rather unfortunate side-effect, a dismal accumulation of refuse beyond what government placed receptacles can handle.

A few years ago, volunteer Michael Paesch, a long time advocate of a “Cleaner Aruba” began a program in cooperation with a local waste management company to encourage and reward environmental awareness among campers. Free litter bags were distributed to all registered participants and prizes were offered.

Now, working with the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association Environmental Committee, the annual Easter “Keep it Clean” campaign continues; participants were provided with a sticker when they signed up for the pro-



AHATA committee members and the happy winners

gram, which they display on tents or vehicles, and awarded great prizes for policing their camp areas and leaving behind nothing but footprints.

The degree of prizes issues was based on examining many aspects of the camping venues-including sanitary facilities provided, maintenance around the generator and grill areas, among others; surprise

spot checks attested to the sincere efforts of the participants to protect the environment while enjoying Aruba's natural assets. Prizes were categorized by each popular camping area.

Winners of this year's competition with their prizes are:

- Gladys Maduro - weekend stay at Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort

- Julio Jansen - weekend stay at La Cabana Beach Resort and Racquet Club

- George Rodriguez - weekend stay at Westin Aruba Resort

- Mayla Kock -Cell phone from SETAR N.V.

- Rita de Freitas - certificate for 2 for De Palm Island

- Ardley Baiz - certifi-

cate for 2 for dinner show at Occidental Grand Resort

- Jessysay Werleman - dinner for 2 at the Radisson Resort, Casino & Spa

- Johanes Christiaans - gift certificate of \$150 for dinner in Palms at Hyatt Regency Resort

- Giovanni Erasmus - dinner for 2 at Manchebo Beach Resort

- Emiliana de Kort - tour for 2 with ABC Tours

- Teresa Vieira - Snorkel/Sail for 2 with Red Sail Sports

- Marco Bislip - dinner for 2 at Sunset Beach Bistro in the Divi Phoenix Resort

Organizers of the Easter campaign expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all AHATA members and associates who donated the prizes and to all participants who set an example for the community in their concern for the environment.

by Rosalie Klein

AHATA Environmental Group joins Garnier Green Team

AHATA Environmental group has joined Garnier Green Team for the Beach Cleanup this Sunday at Grapefield in San Nicolas.

The AHATA (Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association) Environmental Committee was founded in 1995. It has been active for more than 16 years with AHATA members of the hotel sector and associates collaborating for the good of the community and environment with volunteers and other public organizations. Its goal is to instill awareness among citizens on the three R's: Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. The group also stresses the importance of a clean is-

land by conducting various campaigns to make the local community more environmentally conscientious.

The AHATA Environmental Committee conducts a massive annual clean-up involving the general community; their message to island residents “is a clean Aruba is not only for visitors but also for our future generations.”

AHATA Environmental Group applauds the Garnier Green Team effort and hopes their participation will provide an example to others, encouraging participation and awareness among colleagues and the general public





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BACK THEN



Mainstreet San Nicolas

In September, 1961, Daal Publishing Co. issued the paperback edition "Guide for Businessmen and Tourists" in English and Spanish, subtitled, "A Complete Commercial And Tourist Guide To The "Shop-

ping Fiesta" Of The Caribbean". It is a strong race, preponderantly fair coloured, honest, thrifty, and laborious. They number about 39482. There is a great number of people from all parts of the world here. Asiatics included".

POPULATION

"Total: December 31, 1960 - 53199.

Of these about 45,000 are of Dutch nationality. About 3,000 British; 1400 Americans; 600 Venezuelans. Other nationalities about 2,000. There are 41 nationalities on the island".

TOURISM

"Aruba tourist industry is still in its early stages but in the past half score years legal links and bottlenecks impairing healthy development of tourism were removed and so

Aruba has gone a long way to coming of age in this field. The island has invested great sums of public funds in development of suitable areas, such as the construction of the great West ern shore boulevard connecting the sites along the beautiful Palm Beach, on the water main, with automatic telephone trunk line and electricity net, and thus opening the possibility of capital investment for tourist plants in that area.

Last, but not least the island has picked up the tag of the balance of Venezuelan, private and Government financing the first luxury 140 room hotel, which has been opened since July 18th, 1959. The result is then highly successful "Aruba Caribbean Hotel Casino", one of the most talked about places in the Caribbean".

HYGIENE

"Tropical diseases are practically unknown on this island. Malaria and yellow fever are unknown".

WHAT TO DO

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Its harbour is amongst the busiest in the world with giant oil tankers leaving and entering day and night. Compared



Aruba Caribbean Hotel

to St. Nicolas, Oranjestad is a very formal town...but in both you'll find the same attractive prices and same courteous and truly friendly service".

"In parts of the island, you'll find giant boulders. They are a mystery having no relation to the Island's geologic structure. A double mystery, because many of them are smoothly scooped out on the leeward side, as if by giants or rough tongues of dinosaurs. On moonlit nights the landscape seems to belong to another planet".



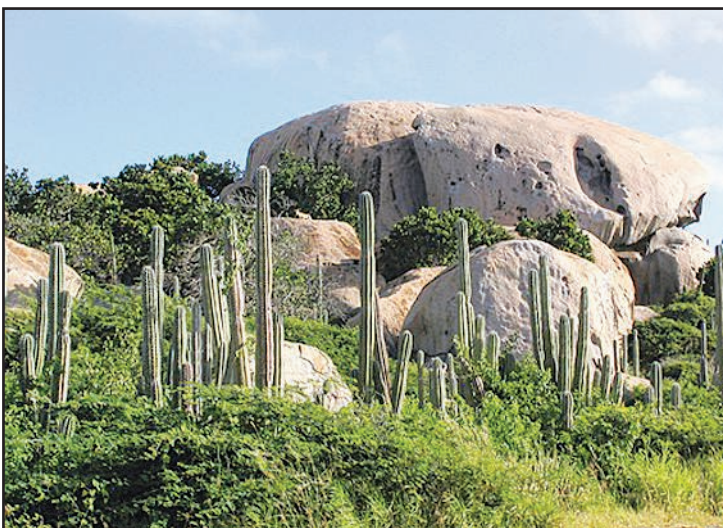
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ping Fiesta" Of The Caribbean".

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Aruba Lions Club announced fundraising bowling on May 28



President Claret Lopez, Project Manager Gerardo Figaroa and Lily Prins of Cancer funds

Aruba Lions Club President Claret Lopez welcomed Lily Prins, director of the Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation to their headquarters to announce the service organization will be conducting a fundraising bowling tournament on Saturday, May 28 at Eagle Bowling Palace, with all proceeds to assist the foundation in their important work.

The Lions Club considers this fundraising of great significance, as it is the first in their history that is a collaborative effort between them and Rotary Club, Kiwanis Palm Beach, Kiwanis Aruba, Quota Club and the Women's Club of Aruba. They are making a concerted effort to raise much needed funds for this important foundation, which provides many free services, counseling and financial assistance for cancer victims.

Gerardo Figaroa, project

manager for the event, provided details; cost for participation is 100 Aruban florins per person, which includes bowling ball, shoes and drinks. A maximum of 80 players will be accepted. This congenial and social evening begins at 8:00 PM, and at the close of the evening, midnight, will include awarding prizes in various categories. Winners will be announced for Highest Score, both Male and Female, as well as a consolation prize for Lowest Score. Also for both men and women, there will be prizes for High Average, High Games, Low Average and Low Game. If any participant manages to bowl a perfect game, they will receive a very special reward.

Those wishing to participate in this fun fundraising event can contact Gerardo at 566-6178 or via e-mail at: gfigaroa@yahoo.com.

by Rosalie Klein

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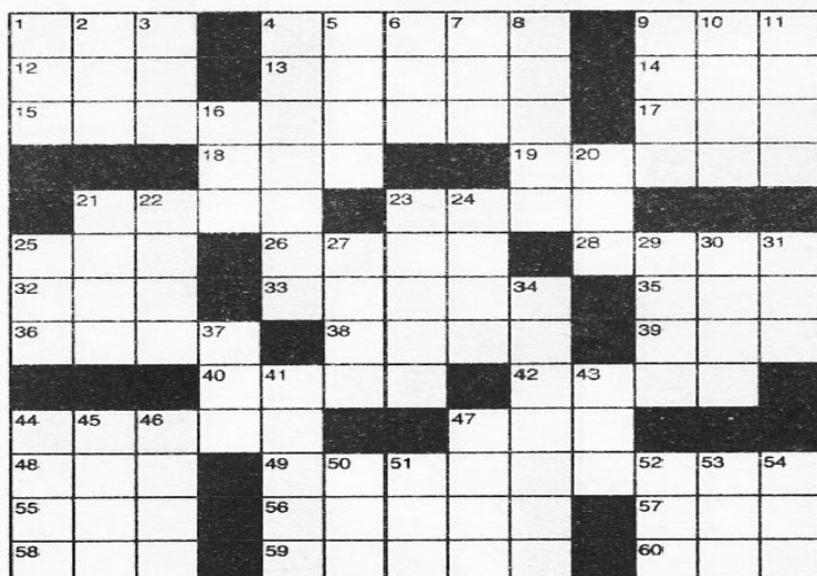
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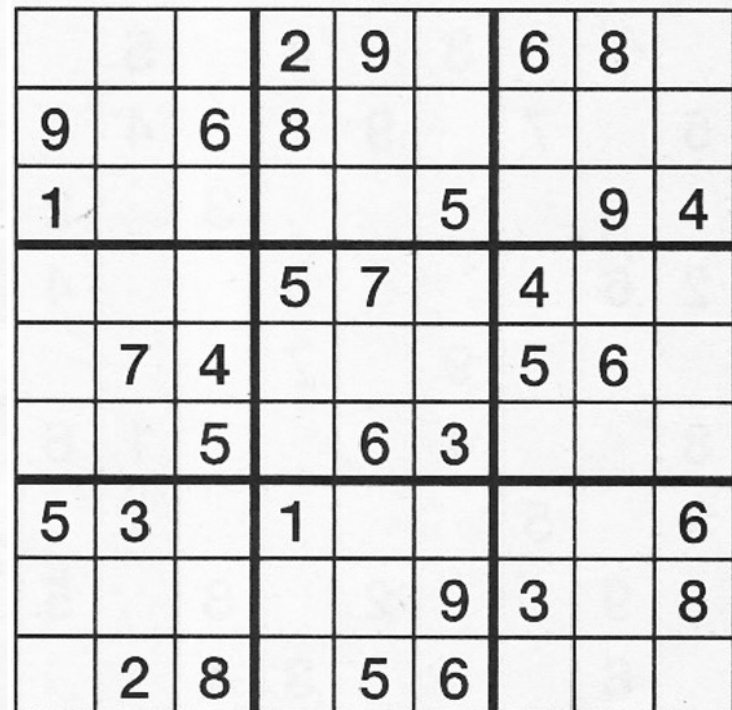
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SOLUTION

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US cost for Libya air war hit \$750 million: Gates

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - US Defense Secretary Robert Gates said on Thursday the air war in Libya has cost the United States roughly \$750 million to date, more than initially anticipated by the Pentagon.

"It's probably at this point somewhere in the ballpark of 750 million dollars," Gates told US Marines during a visit to the Camp Lejeune base in North Carolina.

The Pentagon had previously estimated the operation had cost the US military \$604 million from the start of international air strikes on March 19 to April 4.

Officials had also pre-

dicted that the price tag for the operation would be about \$40 million per month.

Pentagon officials said they did not have an immediate explanation for the rise in the cost of the air war.

Since the beginning of April, the United States has taken on a supporting role in the NATO-led campaign, providing refueling tankers and surveillance aircraft but not fighter jets.

Starting on April 21, the United States also provided two unmanned Predator drones to join in air strikes against Moamer Kadhafi's regime.

'Big Oil' grilled by US Congress

WASHINGTON (AFP) - With Americans furious at sky-high gasoline prices and tax breaks for "Big Oil" under fire, a key US Senate committee put five senior oil executives in the dock on Thursday.

The bosses of Chevron, Shell US, BP America, ConocoPhillips, and ExxonMobil appeared before the powerful Senate Finance Committee, facing allegations they bank record profits at taxpayers' expense.

President Barack Obama and his Democratic allies are calling for an end to \$2 billion a year in tax breaks for the biggest players in an industry enjoying record profits.

"Businesses should make a

profit -- that's what drives our economy -- but do these very profitable companies actually need taxpayer subsidies?" committee chairman and Democrat Max Baucus asked pointedly. He quickly answered his own question. "We can put this money to better use -- and we should."

Executives in turn warned that a higher tax bill would spell fewer jobs, higher consumer prices and reduced competitiveness.

"Given profits of \$35 billion in just the first quarter alone, it's hard to find evidence that repealing these subsidies would cut domestic production or cause layoffs," he said.

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Euro steadies against dollar



LONDON, United Kingdom (AFP) - The euro rallied against the dollar in late trading Thursday, after falling on worries about the Greek debt crisis.

The European single currency was changing hands at \$1.4247, up from \$1.4193 in late trading Wednesday.

It had fallen in early trading Thursday to \$1.4124, its lowest level since April 1.

The dollar fell against the Japanese currency, buying 80.76 yen compared to 81.02 on Thursday.

The late rally in the euro came after the International Monetary fund said on Thursday that its analysis did not point to Greece having to restructure its debt, noting that Athens had hundreds of billion of euros in assets it could sell.

Its comments came amid widespread belief on financial markets that Athens will need another 60 billion euros in aid over the next two years, on top of its current 110 billion euro EU-IMF loan programme, and that ultimately it will not be able to avoid restructuring its debt.

The IMF, in separate comments in Washington, also said it was willing to consider giving Greece "more time" to repay its loan as the country struggles to stabilise its finances.

However Michael Hewson, at CMC Markets, said that sentiment around the euro remained negative amid the debt crises of not only Greece but other eurozone nations including Portugal and Ireland which have also had to go cap in hand to the European Union and IMF for a bailout package.

Last year, Greece undertook to restructure its economy after being granted the multi-billion euro EU-IMF loan to avert insolvency as its borrowing costs soared.

However, its overall debt has swollen to 340 billion euros, leading to mounting speculation -- even from

Greek officials -- that it will need other options to maintain repayments when its EU-IMF loan expires in 2013.

Sterling slid against the euro and dollar after official data showed British manufacturing output rose only modestly in March.

Sterling had won support on Wednesday after Bank of England data indicated that Britain was set for an interest rate hike before the end of the year.

British interest rates have stood at a record-low level of 0.50 percent since March 2009 as the country's weak economic recovery offsets high inflation.

Gold prices fell along with other commodities, ending at \$1m490 dollars from \$1,508 dollars on Wednesday.

In London on Thursday, the euro changed hands at \$1.4247 against \$1.4193 in late New York trading Wednesday, at 115.06 yen (115.00) and 1.2593 Swiss francs (1.2594).

The dollar stood at 80.76 yen (81.02) and 0.8839 Swiss francs (0.8872).

The pound was at \$1.6308 (1.6346).

Growing Dutch longevity takes a bite out of Aegon



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Dutch insurer Aegon on Thursday published a 12 percent drop in net profit for first quarter 2011 from the same period last year, linking it to increasing life expectancy in the Netherlands.

The company showed a net profit of 327 million euros (\$463 million), down from 372 million euros in the first quarter of 2010.

The result clocked in lower than predicted by analysts polled on the Dow Jones newswires, who banked on a net profit of 335 million euros.

"In the Netherlands we have observed a strong in-

crease in life expectancy," Aegon's chief executive Alex Wynaendts said in a statement.

"A growth in life expectancy means we have to pay pensions for longer as part of our pension-saving schemes," Aegon spokesman Dick Schiethart told AFP.

Life expectancies in the Netherlands were 78.8 years for men and 82.2 years for women in 2010, according to the national Dutch statistics office.

By 2020, this is expected to climb to 80.64 years for men and 84.05 years for women, the statistics office added.

In the first quarter of this year Aegon took out a provision of 24 million euros for longevity in the Netherlands and planned to add an average of 20 million euros per quarter to the provision, it said.

Aegon, which received three billion euros from the

Dutch government amid the global financial crisis in October 2008, hopes to repay the outstanding figure of 1.75 billion euros by the end of June.

Aegon has more than 40 million clients, mainly in the Netherlands, the United States and Britain. It holds the pensions of a quarter of Dutch citizens.

**YESTERDAY'S
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Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline

pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for parents or

cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge ser-



a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with

vices to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoast-aruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



A must see while on Aruba!

Rodger's Beach



Near the southern tip of Aruba is an area known as Roger's Beach. Crescent shaped, it curves out to the Caribbean, creating a handsome lagoon of bath-warm water. At the far end of the beach are a few small docks where fisherman moor their boats.

Some of the best views of Rogers Beach actually can be found underwater. This is not because the views on land are not great because they are spectacular. It is just what is in the water that makes it better. This beach actually is in reef-protected water, so you have to snorkel if you go to this beach. You will be missing half the view if you do not. You can find this beauty near the southern tip of the island near Sint Nicolaas. Just like the rest of the Aruban beaches, this beach offers clear blue water and white powdery sand.

An interesting aspect of Rogers Beach is how it is situated. Part of the beach actually curves out into the Caribbean, which forms a lagoon with such warm water. It is a sight to see, as well as feel the marvelous water. Because it is at the southern tip of the island, you will be able to see the oil refinery off in the distance from the beach. Although it is

close, it does not affect the water or beach in any way. They have it so none of the water is polluted whatsoever. This is not in view at all times, so you do not have to worry about having it right in the middle of all your photos.

What makes Rogers Beach a nice beach to go to for the day is that it is so secluded from the rest of the island. It is near Baby Beach, but that is about it. The majority of Aruba's beaches all can be found on the western side of the island, so you will not have as much traffic here as other places. They are worth the trip though, so do not be fooled by the small number of people there. Sometimes that makes for the best trips. You will find some great swimming in these waters.

Although you will not be able to stay at Rogers Beach because there are not any resorts or hotels, it is a short drive regardless of where you are staying. Aruba is such a small island that, even though the beach is on the other end, you are not even an hour away. If you want to see all of what Aruba has to offer, a trip to this side of the island is a must. The snorkeling will be great here.

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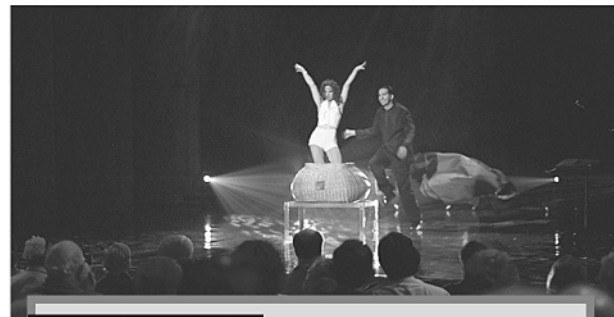
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After bin Laden death, a boom in SEAL imposters



File photo of a US Navy Seal performing pull ups

VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia (AFP) – In the fortnight since elite US Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden, faux commandos wearing the SEALs' gold trident and medals on their chests have been popping up all over the place.

SEALs have been spotted in improbable places, a man who identified himself as Gene said on a chat forum on US Navy SEALs, an unofficial website that posts videos, sells T-shirts and has chat forums about SEALs, that he has met "so-called SEALs on

a Greyhound bus (a kid barely 19), at Wal-Mart (had a trident pinned to a golf hat), and at Taco Bell.

"Funny, I never knew SEALs weighed 300 pounds (140 kilos)," Gene wrote.

A woman on the chat forum said her mother is dating a man she met on MySpace who claims he was "the commander of Team Six when bin Laden was taken out."

"He is overweight, has a bad knee, and tells her EVERYTHING about the

'missions' he gets sent away for," wrote the woman who signed herself "Skeptical Daughter," wondering if SEALs really behave and look that way.

In an interview published in a Pennsylvania newspaper, preacher Jim Moats recounted his heady days as a SEAL during the Vietnam war.

Moats said he was water-boarded during training to toughen him up in case he got captured by the North Vietnamese and was put on dish-washing detail after getting into a fight in a club.

If it sounded like it was straight out of a movie, it's because it was -- Steven Seagal's 1992 film "Under Siege".

Retired real SEAL Don Shipley called the newspaper and told them Moats was a fraud. The pastor fessed up to the paper and to his parishioners that he had been lying about being a SEAL for years.

Prior to the raid that killed bin Laden, Shipley was investigating 15-20 fraudulent SEAL claims a day, he told AFP.



LONDON, United Kingdom : Kate McCann attends a press conference for the launch of the book 'Madeleine' in London, this week. Kate and Gerry McCann, the parents of missing Madeleine McCann, launched the book on their daughter's eighth birthday. Madeleine went missing in the Algarve resort of Praia da Luz on May 3, 2007, a few days before her fourth birthday, as her parents and their friends ate at a nearby restaurant.

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Ventoso wins 6th Giro stage, Weening holds lead



Spain's Francisco Ventoso of Movistar is kissed by hostess as celebrates on the podium after winning the sixth stage of the 94th Tour of Italy

FIUGGI, Italy (AFP) – Spain's Francisco Ventoso won the sixth stage of the Giro d'Italia here on Thursday, while Dutch rider Pieter Weening of Rabobank held on to the overall leader's pink jersey.

Movistar's Ventoso won a sprint finish on a slight hill ahead of Italy's Alessandro Petacchi, winner of Sunday's second stage at Parma, after the 216km hilly run around the Latium region of Rome.

Italy's Roberto Ferrari finished third ahead of compatriot Danilo Di Luca, who had launched an attack on the final 1km climb before being caught.

"It was one of the stages

that I had imagined in my head in this Giro," said Ventoso, after achieving his first Giro stage win.

"Alessandro (Petacchi) was behind me, I felt that he was trying to overtake me and I was afraid that he'd overtake me.

"Luckily it didn't happen that way. Now I hope to achieve another good result," added the 29-year-old, who won the Paris-Brussels race last year, and achieved his fifth success of this season.

Lampre rider Petacchi admitted he made a bad mistake in his strategy.

"Danilo Di Luca accelerated very strong in the final

kilometre. I took off in pursuit and I let Ventoso overtake me on purpose. But in the end I found myself 'dry'. I couldn't overtake him. I hoped he'd weaken but with 40 metres to go I knew.

"There were quite a few climbs on this stage. Maybe he climbs better than me, in any case he was in better shape."

The stage was controlled early by a breakaway group of five riders -- Jussi Veikkanen, Kristof Vandewalle, Frederik Veuchelen, Sacha Modolo and Yaroslav Popovych -- who built up a lead of nearly six minutes at the half-way point.

After a big effort from Ukraine's Popovych, it was Belgian Vandewalle who prolonged the effort until 1500 metres from the line.

Britain's Mark Cavendish could not participate in the final sprint as he was already trailing on the climb towards Fiuggi and after holding the pink jersey four days ago is now trailing down the field over 35 minutes behind Weening.

Friday's seventh stage sees the riders head for the hills with a 110km run from Maddaloni to Montevergine di Mercogliano, in which the final 17.1km is at a five per cent gradient.

Serena out of French Open



PARIS, France (AFP) – Former world number one Serena Williams on Thursday was forced to pull out of the French Open, the tournament she won in 2002, after failing to recover from a long-term foot injury, the French tennis federation said.

Williams, a 13-time Grand Slam singles champion, has not played a top-level match since winning last year's Wimbledon title after cutting her right foot on broken glass last July, an injury that re-

quired two operations.

"Serena has not sufficiently recovered from her health problems," said a French tennis federation (FFT) statement.

As well as her foot injury, Williams also suffered a pulmonary embolism in February that led to an emergency operation to remove a blood clot from her lung, a health concern she called the scariest moment of her life.

Serena's sister Venus, a seven-time Grand Slam champion with five Wimbledon titles, is also a doubt for the French Open.

She has not played since she pulled out of the Australian Open in January with abdominal pain and a sore right hip.

Meanwhile, the FFT also confirmed that Russia's former world number one Dinara Safina, the 2008 and 2009 runner-up, has also pulled out of the French Open with a back injury.

This year's French Open starts on May 22.

Federer stunned by Gasquet, Nadal shrugs off fever in Rome tennis

ROME Italy (AFP) – Roger Federer's French Open problems piled up on Thursday when he was dumped out of the Rome Masters by Richard Gasquet but world number one Rafael Nadal shook off a fever to make the quarter-finals.

World number three Federer went down 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/4) in the third round to Frenchman Gasquet, a worrying setback less just 10 days before the start of Roland Garros, the second Grand Slam of the season.

Nadal, the defending French Open champion, quickly put behind him what he described as his worst clay performance in memory on Wednesday to streak into the quarter-finals with a 6-4, 6-2 win over compatriot Feliciano Lopez.

Federer broke Gasquet in the seventh game of the first set before serving it out and when he broke again in the fifth game of the second, it looked like he would be in for a short afternoon.

But Gasquet displayed pre-



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ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands : China's Ma Lin returns a ball to Germany's Bastian Sterger during their men's singles fourth round match at the World Tennis Table Championships at the Ahoy indoor arena in Rotterdam yesterday.

AFP PHOTO



viously unseen grit and determination to fight back in the eighth game and then take the tie-break.

The decider also went to a tie-break that saw two early mini-breaks apiece before Gasquet took the initiative when Federer missed a backhand.

Leading 5-4 and with two serves to come, Gasquet held his nerve while Federer made errors off both wings to hand the match to the Frenchman.

It was only Gasquet's second victory against the record 16-time Grand Slam winner in 10 meetings, his first coming in 2005 in Monte Carlo in their first match when he was still a teenager.

Nadal played much better than in his troubled three-set victory over Italian qualifier Paolo Lorenzi on Wednesday insisting that his poor form had been due to a fever and not the pressure of having lost last week's Madrid final to Novak Djokovic.

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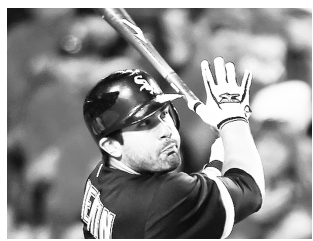
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TORONTO	17	20	.459	4.5
BALTIMORE	16	19	.457	4.5

Central

CLEVELAND	23	12	.657	--
KANSAS CITY	19	17	.528	4.5
DETROIT	20	18	.526	4.5
CHICAGO	15	23	.395	9.5
MINNESOTA	12	23	.343	11.0

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LA ANGELES	21	17	.553	--
OAKLAND	19	18	.514	1.5
TEXAS	19	18	.514	1.5
SEATTLE	16	21	.432	4.5

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	24	12	.667	--
FLORIDA	21	15	.583	3.0
ATLANTA	20	18	.526	5.0
WASHINGTON	18	18	.500	6.0
NY METS	16	20	.444	8.0

Central

ST. LOUIS	21	16	.568	--
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ARIZONA	15	20	.429	4.5
SAN DIEGO	15	22	.405	5.5

James' late heroics help Heat oust Celtics

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) — LeBron James and the Miami Heat put the final touches on their second round playoff series with a dramatic fourth quarter finish and are now ready for an even bigger challenge.

Miami on Wednesday advanced to the NBA playoff semi-finals, defeating the Boston Celtics 97-87 with the help of some clutch late baskets from James and a team-high 34 points by Dwyane Wade.

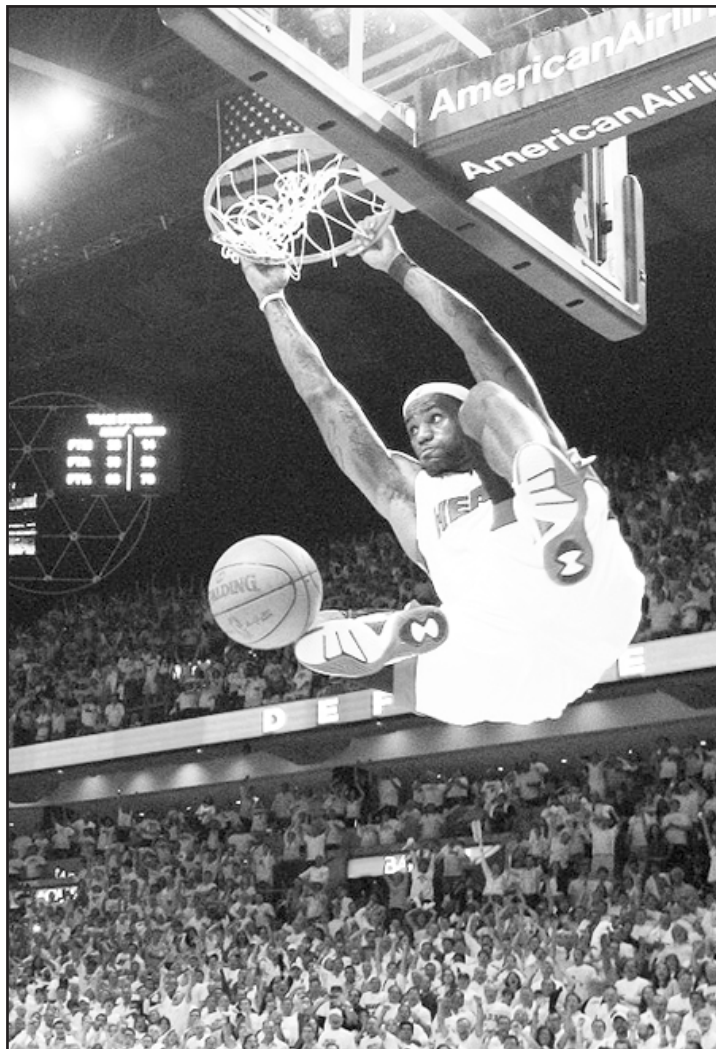
Miami took advantage of three turnovers and five missed shots in the final five minutes by the Celtics to score the last 16 points of the fourth quarter and win the series four games to one.

Wade finished with 34 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, while James had 33 points and Chris Bosh added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"You can never take foot off gas because they make you fight for everything," James said. "They are the reason why all three of us came together, that blueprint they had. They are a great team."

Miami will next play the winner of the Chicago and Atlanta series. The Bulls lead that series three games to two.

It marks the first time the Heat are in the NBA semi-finals since they won the league championship five years ago.



LeBron James of the Miami Heat makes a late 4th quarter dunk during Game Five against the Celtics

James, who put Miami up for good with a three-pointer with 2:10 remaining, and Bosh are in their first season with the Heat. After a slow start the move to bring the

two stars together with Wade in Florida seems to be working.

"You're not beating the Boston Celtics with one guy as the focal point of your of-

fence," Wade said. "That's why I recruited and found help. When you have another guy that's capable of doing what LeBron does it makes the game easier. He had my back in a big way. That's what we've been doing all year."

James silenced critics who said he couldn't play well late in big games by scoring the final 10 points of the fourth quarter.

"I never even got to all that with everything everybody was saying about me in late-game situations," James said. "I know what I work hard for, and that's to be put in those positions. My coaching staff gave me a lot of confidence. Teammates kept giving me confidence, and happy to bring it home."

Ray Allen led the Celtics with 18 points. "They played a great series, they tested us," Allen said. "I tip my hat to them and wish them luck going forward."

Boston lost the game but got some good news as coach Doc Rivers said he would like to return for another season.

"I'm a Celtic," Rivers said. "And I love our guys. I want to win again here. I'm competitive as hell, I have a competitive group. So we'll see. That's where I'm at today. Tomorrow I may change my mind."

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This Sunday in San Nicolas! Ciclovía Aruba to change name to Aruba Activo



Ciclovía was the name for the recently introduced traffic free sports/athletic activities on a select main street held in different barrios for and by residents of the barrio.

This Sunday, May 15th in San Nicolas, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon until around 7:30pm Aruba will again witness another activity replete with numerous sports activities and family fun on the open traffic free street...only this time, under a new name: Aruba Activo!

This activity draws many, many people from their homes, especially our children. Like in past activities, there is a full program full of total motion.

The activities will be divided into six posts, so as to afford everyone the opportunity to enjoy exactly what they want to do this Sunday afternoon.

Post One: At Joe Laveist Sports Park:

White Sand area - Volley-

ball.

Basketball field - Muy

Thai Kick Boxing

Basketball field - Boxing

Basketball field - Jui

Jitsu

Basketball field - Bas-

ketball

Major field - Cricket

Post Two: On the sand field in front of Joe Laveist Sports Park

BMX cycling (field will be divided into two sections) Diversified Athletics

Post Three: At the new Arubus Parking lot in San Nicolaas

Tai Chi Classes 4:00 to 5:00pm

Mission activity 5:00 to 6:45pm

The much loved Zumba from 6:45 to 7:30 pm.

For the children and adults alike, there will be the domino and Checkers teams under the overhead area.

Post four: under the tents at the Joe Laveist Sports Park

There will be the Little

League tent, Baseball & BMX, Prickle ball and Taek Wondo

Post Five: On the CMB parking lot

Here is where the children's favorite Paintball game will be held from 5:00 to 6:00pm

Other activities will be: Skateboarding, Bike tour, jogging and others.

Post Six: On the Arubus Parking lot, which will serve as the center of information, where various sorts of information will be available from:

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Woods limps out of Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH (AFP) - Tiger Woods hobbled out of the Players Championship after nine holes Thursday, the former world number one's latest leg injuries leaving the immediate prospects for his game shrouded in doubt.

Woods had suffered a left knee and Achilles injury during the third round of the Masters in April and had not played since that tie for fourth spot at Augusta.

"The knee acted up and then the Achilles followed after that and then the calf started cramping up," said Woods, who trailed his playing partners as they walked the course. "Everything started getting tight, so it's

just a whole chain reaction."

Woods played his first five holes Thursday in five over - including a triple bogey at the fourth hole.

His 42 on the front nine was three shots higher than his previous worst nine-hole score at Sawgrass.

"The Achilles and knee would be sore, but you're not worse than what icing and treatment wouldn't do at night," he said.

Woods' early exit marked the second straight year he departed in the middle of a round at the Players.

Woods hasn't won a title at all since the Australian Masters in 2009, which was soon followed by the sex scandal that eventually ended his marriage.

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